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Implementation of Revised
" Communal Harmony
Scheme " in the State

Government of Maharashtra
Home Department
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Government Resolution No. DIS-2003/CR-128/SPL-1B
Dated 7th February, 2005

Government Resolution

Read :- Government Resolution, Home Department No. DIS-2002/CR-84/SPL-1B, dated the 30th September, 2002 and Government Corrigendum of even number dated the 4th October, 2002

Government Resolution :- The Government of Maharashtra has decided to implement the revised communal Harmony Scheme more widely throughout the state, which was declared as per Government Resolution, Home Department No. DIS-2002/CR-84/SPL-1B, dated the 30th September, 2002. The objectives, nature and the procedure of this scheme are specified in annexure 'A' of this Government Resolution.

2. The Government authorizes the Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police to accept donations to implement this schemes by way of adopting some projects and programmes. The guidelines to that effect are given in annexure " A". The extent of maximum limit of total fund by way of accepting the donations and the fund made available by the Government is specified as follows.

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| (1) Commissioner of Police, Mumbai | Rs. 15,00,000/- |
| (2) Commissioner of Police Nagpur/Pune/Thane | Rs. 10,00,000/- |
| (3) Other Commissioner of Police/Superintendent of Police | Rs. 2,50,000/- |

3. The expenditure to be incurred to implement the abovementioned scheme by the Commissioner of Police, Mumbai should be debited to the budget head "Demand No, B-1, 2055 Police - 108-State Head Quarters Police - (02) City Police (02) (01) Establishment - 05. office Expenditure " (2055 0097) and the expenditure to be incurred to implement the abovementioned scheme by the Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai should be debited to the head " Demand No. B-1, 2055 Police - 109-District Police (00)(01) District Police Force -05-Office Expenditure (20550168). The expenditure should be done from the yearly sanctioned grant under the abovesaid heads of accounts.

By order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra,

Sd/-

(P.B. Hirlekar)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra,
Home Department.

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Annexure - A

"Communal Harmony Scheme - Guidelines"

The Government of Maharashtra has decided to implement the revised Communal Harmony Scheme throughout the state and the following programmes under it throughout the state in every Police Commissionerate and Districts round the year.

(A) Objectives of the Scheme :-

(1) To maintain brotherly and friendly relations among the people from all the religions and castes / communities throughout the year.

(2) To make efforts to ensure that there are no tensions and differences of opinions among the people at the time of religious festivals and processions of all religions, castes and communities.

(3) To make efforts to maintain peace with the help of prominent personalities from all religions, castes and communities even though some untoward incident takes place unfortunately despite taking all precautionary measures.

(B) The nature of the Scheme :-

(1) To make contacts always with all religious peoples in order to maintain peace and harmony between them by the way of the meetings of Mohalla Committees specified vide G.R. dated 8.12.99.

(2) The programmes at various level should be organized to create communal harmony in the public through the Mohalla Committee .

(i) Action at intellectual level :- To organize competition (puzzles) Tests, competitions of posters, debates .

(ii) Sports level :- To organize Games/Sports competitions for young, amateurs and senior Citizens.

(iii) Social level :- To organize various encouragement programmes at the time of various social programmes to raise communal harmony in various religious peoples e.g. Distribution of prizes, Distribution of confectioneries, Distribution of Awards etc.

3) To take action to minimize or to vanish the gravity of provocativeness by probing the reasons behind the communal disharmony raising time to time in one region.

4) To evaluate the style of functioning and effectiveness of the scheme by independent agency.

5) Police action should be effective and aggressive. It should not be defensive.

6) To create public awareness in order to maintain communal harmony by constant efforts and making constant supervision on these efforts.

7) Municipal Corporation, Public Health Department, water Supply Department, Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Education Department etc. should participate

in communal harmony scheme and some particular responsibilities should be given to them.

8) It is necessary that the communal harmony should be originated from the public itself. Hence all the units of the society should be encouraged to maintain communal harmony. The police should play the role of facilitators. It should not be taken for granted by the public that the maintenance of communal harmony is the entire responsibility of police and they organize the programmes for their own selfish purpose.

9) The leaders in the various units in the society, teachers, religious teachers, leaders of the students having flexible way of thinking to create modern society should participate in the scheme.

(C) Selection of best disciplined Mandal :-

1) Selection / observation committees comprising of respectable persons from all religions, castes / communities and all fields should be formed and their names should be published in the pamphlets having public appeal.

2) Criteria, merit and marks decided in view of maintenance of law and order and communal harmony should be published in appeal pamphlets to select best disciplined Ganeshotsav, Tajia/Sawari, Navaratrotsav etc. mandals.

3) Proforma to allot marks to decide disciplined Ganapati, Tajia / Sawari, Navaratrotsav etc. mandals should be prepared and given to the members of selection and observation committees.

4) Badges to the members of selection / observation committees should be given.

5) Awards / prizes and certificates should be given to the best disciplined mandals after religious festivals/ celebrations and processions of Hindu/ Muslim Communities at the hands of Honourable persons [Ministers, Commissioners of Police, Collectors, Superintendents of Police etc.] and they should be felicitated.

6) The disciplined Mandals, the members of selection committees should also be felicitated in the above programmes for good work done by them giving certificates/ testimonials.

D) Donations and Funds :-

(1) The concerned officials are permitted to accept donations from the donors;

(2) A some fund is being made available by the government as mentioned in this Government Resolution.

E) Conditions to accept funds from donors :-

(1) Donations should be accepted only after verifying the image, character, background of the local donors/Social Organizations etc.

(2) The Donations should not be collected under any kind of pressure.

(3) Proper receipts should be given to the donors.

(4) Collection of fund and its disbursement should be done with strict impartiality.

F) Bank Account and its nature :-

A joint / personal account should be opened in any branch of nationalized State Bank of India bearing Government Agency.

(1) There should be a joint account of Superintendent of Police and District Magistrate in every district.

(2) There should be a joint account of the Commissioner of Police and the concerned Zonal Deputy Commissioner of Police in every police Commissionerate.

(3) The account should be operated by any one of them at a time.

(4) The Director General of Police should distribute the fund sanctioned by the Government to all Superintendents of Police and Commissioners of Police should distribute the fund sanctioned by the Government to all concerned Zonal Dy. Commissioners of Police in every police commissionerate.

G) Deposition of Amount in the Bank :

Cheques/ Cash received from donors should be deposited in this Bank account. Separate registers should be maintained at respective levels. [Districts/Zones]

H) Expenditure incurred from the bank account :-

Complete responsibility and authority to incur expenditure will be of the Superintendents of Police in the Districts and Zonal Dy. Commissioners of Police in the police Commissionerate on the following items :-

- (1) To publish appeal pamphlets to implement this scheme.
- (2) To print proformas to distribute marks to the criteria to select disciplined mandals.
- (3) To print certificates to issue to the disciplined mandals.
- (4) To meet expenditure for organizing meetings to implement this scheme.
- (5) To print receipt books.
- (6) To purchase cash register, other registers etc.

Expenditure on the above items should be made after taking into consideration the amount of donations received from donors and necessity etc.

I) Maintaining the bank account and control on bank account :-

The officers holding accounts will be responsible to keep account as per rule 12 of the Bombay Financial Rules, 1959. The statements of income and expenditure should be submitted after every six months to the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) as he is administrative head of the Home Department. The inspections of annual account and entries of business transactions and the annual financial audit should be made only by the licenced Chartered Accountant.

J) Maintenance of daily Account :-

Donations received and expenditure made to implement this Scheme should be maintained from day to day in a Separate register.

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K) Guidance and monitoring :-

The Director General of Police should specify the communal harmony scheme to be implemented and the duties of the police officials at various levels from Beat to police stations to sub-division to Zone/ District and Range in order to make this Scheme as a part and parcel of the system of the Society and the same should be incorporated in the Bombay Police Manual. The same should be incorporated in the surprise visits of the senior officials and the note of inspections to survive the implementation of the scheme as the project bearing serious plan instead of sheer exhibition show of the scheme.
